

**REGULAR SESSION \*\* ECONOMY BOROUGH COUNCIL \*\* MARCH 10, 2009**

Council President Ronald R. Rock called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of the Economy Municipal Building to conduct business of general purposes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Larry Googins, Arthur Mutschler, Audrey Mutschler, Renee Raymer, Donald Sivy, John C. Thomas, Ronald R. Rock

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor David N. Poling, Dale M. Fouse, Esq., Scott A. Shoup, P.E., P.L.S., Randy S. Kunkle, Borough Manager, Joe Luff, Code Enforcement Officer, Earl Fitzgerald, Road Foreman

Mr. Rock introduced Mailing Services of Pittsburgh (MSP) (New Sewickley Township) Officials, Doug Wright, Senior Vice-President of Operations and Rich Bushee, President and Owner. Mr. Wright explained the phases of operations, what they are doing to try to mitigate the noise coming from the facility and how much money they have spent. Frank Spinelli, 311 Park Hill Road, felt the noise problem is getting worse. Mr. Wright reported on this Thursday MST is going to try enclosing the cyclone to try to lessen the noise. Mrs. Jones, 314 Park Hill Road reported the noise is constant except Sundays and it increases at night; understands they are trying to fix the problem; want it back to before MSP went green. Mr. Bushee advised they are trying to do the right thing and be good neighbors; their plans are approved by NST and they are in compliance with the NST codes; their operation now depends on this system; they are trying to find a solution; possibly a barrier up around it to deflect the noise to the front of the building; this is turning into a money pit; apologized, and they are trying to be good neighbors and solve the problem. Mr. Rock thanked Mr. Wright, Mr. Bushee and Mr. Luff for attending the meeting and working with the residents.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC:**

Mrs. Jones, 314 Park Hill Road, advised regarding MSP another concern is R3 across the street could have new industrial clients of this type and it could get worse; suggested Economy Borough be in contact with NST; would be easier before than after building is done. Mayor Poling reported he has contacted Dale Kryder. Mr. Fouse reported Economy Borough has no power or authority in terms of land use, may have some authority with noise nuisance. Mr. Spinelli suggested finding out what authority Economy Borough may have.

**MINUTES:**

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Thomas – to approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2009, Regular Session of Council, as written. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Poling read the Mayor's Report for the Police Department for the month of February, 2009 as prepared by Chief Harrington, which will be on file for review in the borough secretary's office.

Mayor Poling reported he has talked with Representative Mattzie and Senator Vogel regarding stop signs at Short Cut and Bock Lane; requested a letter be written to District 11 to put linage on the roadway to slow traffic.

Mayor Poling reported PennDOT swept Bock Lane.

Mayor Poling advised the COPS Grant application must be submitted by the end of this month; grant is a 3 years, 100% of wages and benefits.

Mayor Poling asked about the Pirates Ballpark Grant. Mr. Kunkle reported Ambridge Area School District is interested in being the applicant; Randy Cosgrove is in contact with him; has offered to assist Mr. Cosgrove with the writing of the grant.

Mayor Poling reported with regards to Comcast doing an assessment of our phone lines, to be careful with a change, as Verizon charged him a \$900 switch fee.

Mayor Poling reported the final paperwork for a Federal Grant on the Veterans Memorial has been done; reported receiving \$500 from Bob Hideck, Michael Baker Corporation; Memorial may be done soon.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1. Tire Round Up:** Mr. Kunkle reported Economy Borough has been the host of the Independence Marsh Foundation's Tire Round-Up on several occasions; we are on a 18 month rotation and are due again this spring; would like to schedule it for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at a cost of approximately \$250 (the majority of this is for a Road Employee's wages) the rest is for pop and sandwiches for the Penn Pavilion residents and Marsh Foundations employees who run the round-up.

***MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize participation with the Independence Marsh Foundation on Saturday, May 16, 2009, for an approximate cost of \$250.00.***  
***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**2. SVYMCA:** Mr. Kunkle reported for many years the Sewickley Valley YMCA has been conducting a summer camp for AASD students in grades 1 to 6 in the area of the pavilion out back; they are requesting use of the facilities again this summer from June 8<sup>th</sup> through August 14<sup>th</sup> weekdays from 9 AM until noon.

***MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Sivy – to authorize use of the pavilion area to the Sewickley Valley YMCA from June 8<sup>th</sup> through August 14<sup>th</sup>.*** ***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**3. Summer Help:** Mr. Kunkle reported Mike Moyer will be back with us the week of March 9, 2009, during spring break; he will be helping Mark check all parks for any needed maintenance, prune trees, prep the pavilion and dugouts for summer, wash windows, store salt and prep mowers for summer; looks like he will be back again this summer where in addition to keeping all the grass mowed he'll help Mark paint the over-hangs on this building replace, restroom vent covers, strip and paint two benches in front of the Municipal Building, paint the fence around the AC units, outside painting, power wash the Municipal Building, power wash all trash cans & door mats and anything else that comes up; recommending a rate increase to \$8.50 this year.

***MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins – to authorize Mike Moyer for Summer Help at a rate of \$8.50/hour.*** ***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**4. Yard Waste Program:** Mr. Kunkle provided a proposed yard waste program for this year; requested Council review prior to the next meeting.

**5. Tom Chinchilla Water Request:** Mr. Kunkle reported he has addressed this request and will continue to pursue AWA. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Kunkle to call Mr. Chinchilla and let him know.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS and OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

*MOTION by Mrs. Raymer, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to authorize payment of all bills listed and properly signed off and approved by the appropriate supervisor of that department. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Mr. Sivy asked if the Columbia Gas bills are fixed or variable. Mr. Kunkle will research this.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Rock read from a PennDOT LTAP Technical Information sheet regarding crack sealing: “At a time when highway crew sizes are shrinking (along with funds to support road maintenance), crack sealing stands out as an economical maintenance technique. The overall successes of pavement maintenance systems that include crack sealing (combined with the generally low cost) make crack sealing a desired maintenance program. Crack sealing provides the most cost effective use of the dollars over time when compared to other pavement maintenance treatments. Estimates Cost Per Mile: Crack Sealing \$2,500, Chip Seals \$12,500, Micro-Surfacing \$17,500 and Overlays \$60,000.” Mr. Rock thanked Mr. Mutschler for his thinking outside the box on both the crack sealer and the salt shed and saving Economy Borough money in the long run.

### **ORDINANCE and RECREATION:**

No Report

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Mr. Fouse reported we are still in the discovery phase of the AWA case.

Mr. Rock verified with Mr. Kunkle that the letter was sent to AWA. Mr. Kunkle reported Mary Hrodic contacted him that the AWA Chairman received the letter, has family health issues and will get back to us.

Mrs. Mutschler reported her water tastes and smells funny. Mr. Sivy reported low pressure. Mayor Poling reported he heard rumors of mineral run off at the reservoir.

### **PROPERTY and BUILDING:**

Mr. Sivy reported Mark Custer changed the furnace filters; Burns and Scalo got measurements from the police building roof today to give proposals on a metal or shingle roof.

Mr. Sivy provided, read the following and requested it be made part of the minutes:

**Roof and building repair history prepared by Don Sivy on March 10, 2009.**

**December 8, 1998**

Repair roof on road department building and police department building. = \$225.00  
 $\$225 / 2 = \$112.00$  each building

**February 16, 2001**

Repair/replace soffit on cupola. - Police department building – ***NO shingles*** = \$150.00

**August 9, 2003**

Repair roof on road department building = \$175.00 - police department building = \$95.00,  
and municipal building = \$30.00.

**December 21, 2004**

Repair / replace shingles on Road department, community and municipal buildings.  
Repair/replace fascia trim and panels on police department building. ***NO shingles.***  
Total for ALL four buildings = \$750.00..... $\$750.00 / 4 = \$187.50$  per building.

**April 27, 2005**

Repair / replace shingles on Road department, community, and police department buildings.  
Total for ALL three buildings = \$650.00.....  $\$650.00 / 3 = \$217.00$  per building.

**January 20, 2006**

Repair / replace shingles on police department building = \$50.00

**December 10, 2007**

Repair / replace shingles on police department building = \$125.00

**January 11, 2008**

Repair / replace shingles on police department building = \$135.00

**February 14, 2008**

Repair / replace shingles on police department building = \$135.00

**September 15, 2008**

Repair / replace shingles on police department building = \$700.00

**September 15, 2008**

Repair / replace shingles and siding on Road department, community buildings = \$300.00

**February 16, 2009**

Repair / replace siding on Road department and repair / replace shingles on police department main building  
and cupola. = \$300.00

**Total cost's for ALL four buildings for 9 years = \$3820.00**

**Police department = approximately \$2,320.00 / 9 years = \$257.00 per year average includes siding repairs.**

**Road department = approximately \$830.00 / 9 years = \$92.00 per year average.**

**Four building total = \$3820 / 9 years = \$424.44 per year average.**

Mayor Poling felt there are 2 problems: 1) the tree line was removed and 2) the original roof was not installed properly. Mr. Sivy advised the committee is working on a plan.

Mr. Sivy reported the cost of the upgrade request from Chief Harrington dated March 8, 2004, for outlets to be added to service by the generator is \$3,159.78 by Glen Stillwagon, a local certified electrician; would like to get this done; this is not budgeted in the police budget; funds will need to be moved around.

***MOTION by Mr. Sivy, seconded by Mr. Thomas – to authorize Glen Stillwagon to upgrade the outlets as per and listed in the March 8, 2004, letter from Chief Harrington, for \$3,159.78, to be taken from the line item designated by Chief Harrington, if we find money elsewhere, the \$3,159.78 will be put back in the police budget. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

Mr. Sivy asked Mr. Kunkle when the light saving grant must be completed. Mr. Kunkle advised Economy Borough has 2 years to complete the work; will follow up and contact Mr. Stillwagon also.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

No Report

**REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:**

No Report

**ENGINEER:**

No Report

**SOLICITOR:**

No Report

**HEAR THE PUBLIC II:**

John Campbell, 123 Gross Drive, suggested the Beaver County Foundation as the applicant for the baseball field grant. Mr. Kunkle reported the applicant must field a team.

Butch Thompson, 115 First Street, advised he is not against crack sealing the roadways; feels Economy Borough should be renting the crack sealer and should not have purchased it.

Mike Lucia, 416 Golden Grove Road, reported Columbus, Ohio received Federal Stimulus Money to put 25 police cadets to work; can we apply; we should stay on top of this to see what we can get. Mayor Poling reported Mr. Fouse is reviewing the COPS Grant and we are looking at the Shovel Ready Project.

John Campbell, 123 Gross Drive, reported 6 police departments in Beaver Valley got grant money; should check to see if this is money missed.

Gerry States, 219 Silverdale Drive, came before Council representing the Baden Legion and requesting the Memorial Day Service stay early in order for the Legion to participate in other community services. Mr. States receives notices every 3 months from the AWA that they are not in compliance. Mr. States will provide Mr. Kunkle with information regarding Energy Efficient Lighting.

Bob Mecchia, 211 Fernwood Drive, reported that during a recent incident, the Economy Borough police officers that responded did a good job calming and settling down the patient until the ambulance arrived; one of the officers was Scott Carney. Mr. Mecchia thanked the road department for doing an excellent job on the road keeping them safe for travel.

Frank Spinelli, 311 Park Hill Road, suggested Council do something legal about the noise, perhaps a letter be written to MSP. Mr. Rock felt that the officials that were here tonight, just be their being here show that they are trying to do something; asked Mr. Kunkle to instruct Joe Luff to continue monitoring the situation. Mr. Fouse stated he has not been authorized to do research as to if Economy Borough has authority or have any control in a neighboring municipality; private rights of action exist for the resident, with a private lawyer. Mr. Rock asked Mr. Fouse to do research on this.

Gary Bucuren, 3480 Conway Wallrose Road, reported the taste of his water has been different the last few weeks. Mr. Bucuren suggested sending an Economy Borough employee to school to become a certified electrician to do in house electrical work. Mr. Bucuren felt buying the tar buggy for \$46,000 was not worth what Council paid for; can buy a tar buggy for \$6,000 to do the same job and last 20 years.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**/\*\*Correction**

***MOTION by Mr. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Mutschler – to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:43 PM  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**/\*\* Corrected at the March 24, 2009 meeting to read “MOTION by Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mrs. Raymer”**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Blum  
Borough Secretary  
March 19, 2009